

No. 1 choice for Korean theologians is Drew

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When Nam Joong Kim was working as a pastor for teenagers in South Korea, he dreamed of furthering his religious education at the most prestigious theological school a Korean pastor could possibly attend—the one located thousands of miles away at Drew University in Madison, N.J.

Now he is one of approximately 70 Korean students, Nam Joong said, and between 30 and 40 of them live on campus. They are working toward a variety of degrees, including the Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry. Students with families—like Nam Joong, who is married and has a two-year-old son and a daughter on the way—live in the graduate apartments in Wendel and Tipple, while unmarried students live just off campus in the Loantaka houses.

Nam Joong, the president of Drew's



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Nam Joong Kim, his wife Sung Eun and son Hangil enjoy a crisp afternoon in the playground outside Wendel Hall.

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Retention initiative gains mild traction

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Rumor has been circulating that Drew has a serious retention problem with rates as low as 60 percent. According to Provost Pamela Gunter-Smith, however, that figure is incorrect and the University does not have poor retention. "We've really been focusing on retention for the last couple of years," she said. "[But] the reason we've been working on [it] has been misinterpreted." Drew has been concentrating on retention rates, according to Gunter-Smith, not because of low numbers but because "we want our retention to be as high as possible."

First-year retention rates

Class of 2010: 81.1 percent

Class of 2011: 82.6 percent

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Drewids march and shout against Prop. 8 passage

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Nine Drew students took part in the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Silent March in Montclair last Saturday. Organized by Garden State Equality, a group working to gain fairer laws for LGBT New Jerseyans, the protest was one of many that took place across the country, from San Francisco to Little Rock to Boston, to show support against Proposition 8.

Steven Goldstein, chair of Garden State Equality, yelled into the megaphone addressing the crowd gathered outside the Montclair train station, "...the choice has to be yours, not the government's!"

"We can't cry over spilled milk," he said, in reference to the ban on same-sex marriages recently

passed by California voters.

The crowd responded energetically to Goldstein's calls for action. Many held handmade signs with messages like "Keep Your Church Out of My State" and "Separate is Not Equal." A small group of students began to sing "We Shall Overcome." The anthem quickly spread through the crowd, setting an appropriate tone for a mission of equal rights.

Founded in 2004, Garden State Equality's mission, as stated on their web site, is not only fairer laws, but also to win justice for LGBT New Jerseyans facing discrimination. The group relies on volunteers and grassroots activism, such as Saturday's protest.

Recent Drew alumna Jen Dugan (C'08) helped to organize the protest in Montclair. She is

now an intern for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) in New York City and a board member for Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County (GAAMC). "My time as former chair of the Alliance definitely made the networking process easier," Dugan said. She estimated that the crowd of approximately 200 protesters was divided 60/40 between college students and "older same-sex couples, parents of LGBT youth, and supportive heterosexual couples from the area."

Dugan and students from Montclair State University came up with the idea of a silent march, which was the original plan for

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COURTESY OF THOMAS BASGIL

Drew students are among the approximately 200 people who participated in the protest against Proposition 8.

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Public Safety officer rocks in punk band during downtime,
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Skaggs memorial this Sunday

A memorial for the late Professor Merrill Skaggs will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts. A reception will follow in Mead Hall.

Drew devoted to local ecosystems

A partnership between Drew and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, facilitated by the New Jersey Audubon Society, will help Drew with its commitment to preserving its local ecosystems.

As of October, the Board of Trustees pledged not to develop the areas for at least 10 years. Drew is also looking for funding for fencing to prevent deer from eating newly planted and existing flora.

Civic engagement scholarships given

Drew announces its civic engagement competition. Because students entering the university next year will be the first class of Drew Civic Scholars, Drew is awarding a dozen scholarships — worth approximately \$1 million — to high school seniors who have spent time serving their communities.

Drew opens doors to students, parents

An Inside Drew Open House will be held tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Simon Forum. Potential Drew students and their families will have the opportunity to learn about the admissions and financial aid process at Drew, tour the campus, and meet current students and administration.

Students dance in Fall Show

The Theater Arts Department and the Drew University Dramatic Society present the Fall Dance Show on Dec. 4 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$7.

ResLife sponsors game tournament

On Sunday at 8 p.m., ResLife will sponsor a ping-pong and pool tournament in the University Center lounge. Prizes will be awarded to the best players in both games. Sign up at the University Center desk to participate.

CLA students strive to create new energy options for University

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Dreaming big is not the only thing that Max Tynan ('09) and Austin Davis ('11) have in common. They both have a passion that they hope will better the Drew University community when it comes to going green and increasing Drew's alternative energy plans.

"We would like to utilize the latest solar technologies — Thin-Film — and integrate them into the forum roof and building. This is known as BIPV," Tynan said.

"The technology is cutting edge stuff. It is thin film that is a plastic metal substrate," Tynan said.

Tynan and Davis worked on their own projects focusing on alternative energy over the summer. Little did they know that they would soon be working together after meeting each other in class. "We got lunch one day after class and started talking about the market," Tynan said. "Our ideas were eye-to-eye. They were so similar," Davis said.

Davis and Tynan decided to merge their ideas and work together to form a company called United Green Solutions. Over the summer, Davis visited *legalzoom.com* to begin the process of getting incorporated. "The day I got the name incorporated, I found Tynan."

Davis has always been environmentally cautious. "Starting this business had nothing to do with the money. I was always interested in energy," he said.

Tynan added, "I was always disappointed in the way we treat our environment. Solar power is just a logical thing. To collect something that shines everywhere...it's natural."

Tynan and Davis are determined to get the job done. "Drew has a strong environmental initiative. Everything is green," Davis said. "We found that Drew's energy prices are going to increase significantly," Tynan said. So their next step was to speak with people from Drew to see what was going on.

Tynan and Davis went to their professors and advisors for some



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Max Tynan ('09) (left) and Austin Davis ('11) (right) work on their solar energy project.

guidance and the hopes of gaining their support. Professor of Political Science Phil Mundo, Max's advisor, liked their idea, and after speaking with Professor of Economics Fred Curtis he recommended they speak to Michael Kopas, director of special projects. "At first, Kopas asked a lot of questions, but we had the answers for every question. Kopas is now the one who is giving us continuous support, and the 'OK' to work on the project," Davis said.

"Max and Austin want to research alternative energy possibilities for the campus and, more specifically solar power for the Simon Forum. This is something Drew looked into a few years ago and at the time it was not feasible," Kopas said. "Max and Austin want to revisit the analysis and see if current technology makes the possibility of the project any

more feasible. This type of interest and determination coming from students is what Drew is all about," he said.

"We have done some preliminary research and we have found that Drew's energy consumption has increased more than 9 percent last year alone. Also, we have learned that Drew's electricity prices will be increased significantly in the very near future," Tynan said. "There is no specific date that our proposal is due. We are aiming to have a formal plan at the very start of the spring semester," he said.

"Ultimately what we are asking for is to have student body and faculty support," Tynan said. "When our proposal is finished, our system will most likely attempt to produce anywhere from 10 to 25 percent of the electricity the Simon forum currently consumes."

Famed economist lectures Drew



VICTORIA WEBBE

Economist Paul Volcker (left) is a former chairman of the Federal Reserve for Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan and currently an advisor to president-elect Barack Obama. Volcker came to Drew on Thursday to talk to Political Science and Economics majors. Former Drew President and N.J. Governor Tom Kean (right) joined Volcker to discuss the media's connections to the economy.

PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

Nov. 11

Cpl. Jesse Traynor was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries on Campus Drive at 7:42 p.m. The vehicle had crashed into a light pole. The driver was cited.

Nov. 14

Cpl. Michael McMorrow and Officer Lisa Kretschman

observed a suspicious person in the center of campus at 1:41 a.m. It was determined the individual had no affiliation with Drew. He was transported to headquarters and issued a trespass order. He was then escorted off campus.

Sergeant Jordan Mitchell was dispatched to the HERB Circle for a report of a person lying face down in the roadway at 8:01 a.m. After an investigation, Mitchell found

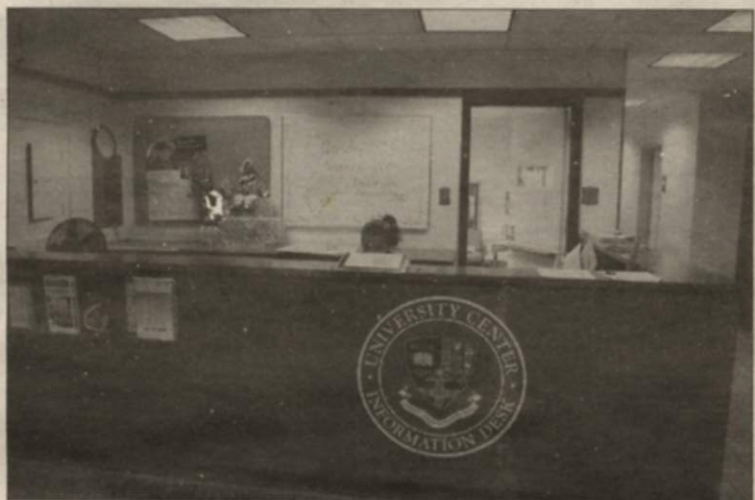
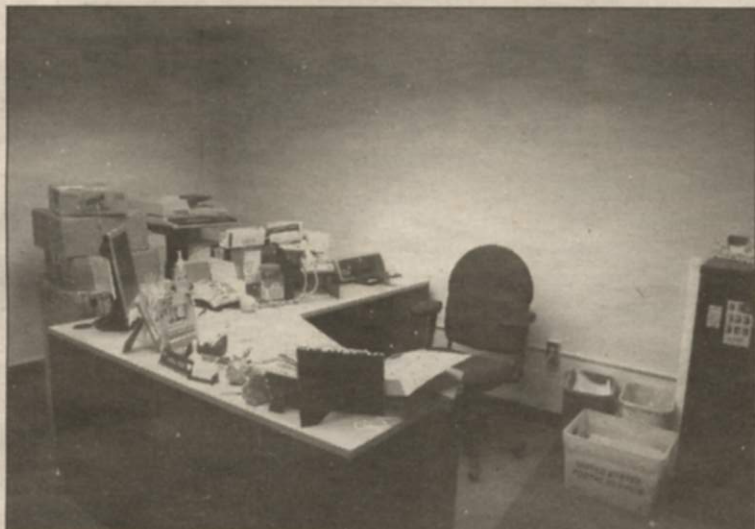
that the "person" was actually an old CPR practice mannequin. The mannequin was discarded.

Following a 911 call, Mitchell was dispatched to Simon Forum at 6:32 a.m. for a report of a student who had fallen during practice, sustaining multiple injuries. Mitchell evaluated the student's condition and Madison First Aid Squad was dispatched for transportation to the hospital.

Nov. 15

Officer Anthony Damiano and Traynor observed a male carrying a keg of beer on Riker Road at 11:28 p.m. When approached, he fled. After a chase, the individual was transported to headquarters. He was cited for underage possession of alcohol, eluding an officer, disorderly conduct and prohibited alcoholic containers.

Keys, food stolen from University Center



PHOTOS BY LIZ BOWERS

Top: Student Activities Receptionist Semone Perez's desk. Bottom: University Center Desk. Keys to the UC and Pub as well as snack foods were stolen from the UC on Sunday.

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A student or group of students broke into the University Center and the Pub at 4:49 a.m. on Sunday. According to Chief of Public Safety Tom Evans, no major vandalism was committed, but various snack foods were stolen and the keys to the UC and the Pub were missing. The keys were later recovered in Student Activities Receptionist Semone Perez's office. Several offices, including those of Perez and Student Activities Interim Program Coordinator Carla Brady, were trashed. The person or people who committed the crime still have not been caught.

Evans said that there was no damage done to the offices, and the vandalism that occurred was minimal. "In one of the offices, the wastebasket was turned over," he said. "[The vandalism] was all small things. No one wrote on the walls or anything like that."

Still, the crimes are no small matter. "When someone breaks into your office, it's like breaking into your house," Evans explained. "They've gone through your things."

Evans explained that the UC is a difficult place to lock up, because it's at the center of campus, it's a public building and it's nearly always open. The UC was closed and locked up on Saturday at 3 a.m., but there is a possibility that someone was still in the building while it was be-

ing locked or that someone could crawl in through a window.

Mark Stratton ('10), who was working at the UC desk the night the building was broken into, offered his perspective. "I closed up everything as normal and as indicated by our closing policy sheet that we have at the desk, which is a check list of things to do," he said. "I made sure all of the doors were locked, so I don't know how anyone got in."

Others who were working at the UC desk earlier were unaware of the break-in until they heard about it through others. "I wasn't there, and everything that I know I found out second-hand," Jill Swirsky ('10) said.

"I don't know much about this UC break-in," Andy Benavides ('10), who was also working on the day of the break-in said.

According to Evans, this is not the first time the UC has been broken into. "Over the years I've been here it's been broken into a couple times," he said. He also added that it seems to him that Drew has experienced less crime recently than in past years, though there are some exceptions.

"In the summer a lot of things were stolen," Benavides said. Evans described a specific incident. "Over the summer, we had a large-screen TV stolen from the UC lounge. [Vandalism] is not as serious. It's not that it's a big criminal activity, but it's expensive for the administration and the student body."

The person who broke into the UC did not remove or seriously

damage anything except food. "The new UPB office had snack food, like cases of chips, candy, and drinks which were stolen," Stratton said.

"The only things that were actually removed were the snack foods," Evans added.

To prevent things like this from happening in the future, Evans and Public Safety eliminated many of the unnecessary keys in the key box that could have made it easier for a student to break in. "We got rid of a lot of copies of keys," he explained. "Also, we moved the key box so it's not easy to find."

Evans believes that this recent UC break-in was done by a group of students, and he suspects that alcohol was involved. "I think this might have been someone who had too much to drink and decided that [a break-in] might be a good idea," he said.

He also believes that some students on campus know who is responsible for the break-in. "When things like this happen, people talk," he said. "I know that students on this campus know who did it," he said.

Evans and Public Safety are working to find out who might be responsible for the crimes. Evans encourages students who have any information to leave an anonymous tip. "The UC is for the students and the faculty," he said. "We're doing this for them [and] we do need help from the community."

Retention rates rise by small percent

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The number of students returning for their second year at Drew University improved slightly, according to data provided by Associate Professor of Math and Computer Science Sarah Abramowitz, who was asked last year to analyze retention statistics after so many members of the class of 2010 did not return.

Retention rates for students returning at the start of their second year for the class of 2010 was 81.1 percent and rates for the class of 2011 was 82.6 percent.

91.5 percent of members of the class of 2010 have returned for their third year, however. "At a small school like Drew, a change in the status of four students changes the retention rate by about a percentage point," Abramowitz said.

The University has been working to improve these numbers. "We've said to ourselves, 'why not Drew? Why [can't] Drew have the highest retention possible?'" Gunter-Smith said.

In order to be successful, the University has been listening to students in order to address specific areas of concern, according to Vice President of College Admissions & Financial Assistance Mary Beth Carey.

"We have a whole series of initiatives to be responsive to what students are telling us," she said.

Dissatisfaction with facilities and the residence halls top the

list of student complaints, and changes such as the renovations to Tolley/Brown are meant to address these concerns.

"When we find [that] students leave for reasons in our control, we want to fix [those problems]," Carey said.

Efforts to improve retention include increased communication between students, parents and the administration, and working with advisors to identify students who might potentially want to leave campus, according to Carey.

An example of such communication is a letter from President Weisbuch sent to parents as-

"We know that retention will never be 100 percent."

- Provost Pamela Gunter-Smith

sureing them that the University understands the tough economic times and is willing to help as much as possible.

"One of the things that has entered into the retention picture is the economic climate. My financial aid staff is working around the clock, looking for ways to assist students and families," Carey said.

For example, students in danger of being unable to register because they owe the University money will now be able to do so.

This is due to an increase in the amount a student owes that will prevent registration, according to Gunter-Smith.

Between fall 2007 and fall 2008, students most likely to be retained lived on campus, were varsity athletes, had a higher first-year grade point average at Drew, had a higher high school grade point average, received more financial aid, and had greater financial need. State residency, gender, ethnicity and whether SAT scores were submitted for admission do not have an affect on retention, according to Abramowitz's preliminary analysis.

"The responsibility is with admissions to recruit and admit students [that will stay at Drew]," Carey said. "We're laying the foundation for students for what their Drew experience is going to be, since we are the first people [that prospective students come in contact with.]"

Because a lot of work goes into recruiting students, Gunter-Smith said, the University wants to retain those students.

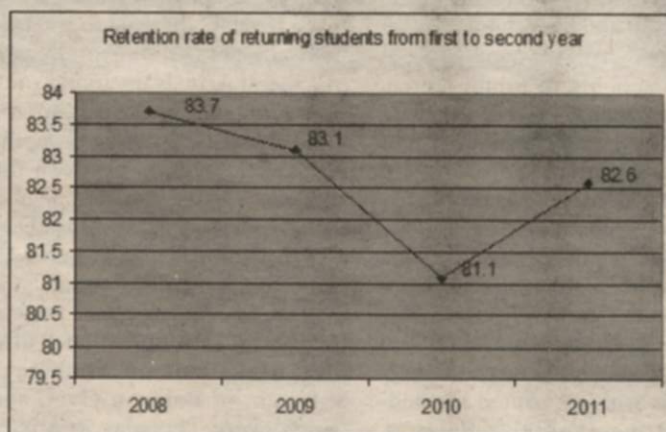
"We know that retention will never be 100 percent. We try to do our best [but] students leave for various reasons," Gunter-Smith said.

One such reason, she said, is that for many students Drew was not their first choice school.

"I want Drew to be the first choice school for students who apply. And if [it's] not their first choice, [hopefully] they fall in love with Drew once they get here."

Gunter-Smith admits that she has high expectations for Drew's retention rates.

"[I] very much would like to have a retention rate of 90 percent [but] some factors are not in our control," she said.



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Korean students face financial, linguistic issues

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Korean Caucus, is getting his doctorate in Liturgical Studies from Drew's Graduate Division of Religion (GDR). This is his first year in the GDR, and his specialty is in homiletics, the study of public preaching. "After getting my doctorate I'm going to apply for a teaching position here, if my English is better [by then]," he said. "If not, then I will go [back] to my country to find a job."

Nam Joong arrived in January to complete the Master of Sacred Theology program. The degree took one and a half years to complete. "Then after three months of summer, I went straight into this [program]," he said. The doctorate will take 6-7 years to complete.

Nam Joong said that so many Korean families flock to the campus because of its prestigious reputation. In Korea, it doesn't get much better than a degree in theology from Drew.

Then and Now

"One hundred and thirty years ago, there were missionaries from North America that came to Korea," Nam Joong said. One of the most prominent of the Protestant missionaries was Henry Appenzeller, a graduate of the Drew Theological Seminary.

"[Appenzeller] was United Methodist, and after that, many United Methodists helped the Koreans in South Korea to build hospitals and educational institutions, including the Korean United Methodist Theological School," Nam Joong said. "So lots of Korean students are interested in the original school [where Appenzeller studied]."

Drew alumni are considered to be the best and the brightest, Nam Joong said. "We have lots of theological schools in South Korea. But the alumni from Drew, they get higher [recognition], no matter the denomination."

While United Methodist—Drew's official affiliation—is the religion that inspired those first missionaries, the students from Korea today study various denominations at Drew. Nam Joong said there are about 30 current Korean students who are United Methodist, but there are also Baptists, Pentecostals, and Presbyterians, including Nam Joong.

Nam Joong came to Drew not only because of its "popular and famous scholars," but also because of its open-minded education. "It focuses on the post-colonial point of view, with an emphasis on the marginalized [cultures] in the world, eco-feminist, feminist, and liberal approaches, things like that," Nam Joong is impressed that about three-quarters of the Theo faculty are female. "It's the other way around [in Korea]," he said.

Adjusting to America

This difference in gender roles is one of the many lifestyle adjustments that the families face when they arrive on campus. One of the main difficulties faced by Korean students is a financial one. Nam Joong said they avoid eating in the Commons not just because of the fatty foods—"we mostly eat lots of vegetables," he said—but also because they can save money by eating at home.

Many of the students, including Nam Joong, have an F1 full-time student visa, which means that if they are employed at all, it can only be on campus and for 20

hours per week or less. "I'm working in [the Media Resource Center] for ten hours every week as a research assistant," Nam Joong said. "My wife has an F2, so she cannot work or study in the U.S." Nam Joong enjoys working in the MRC because he gets to interact with students from the College of Liberal Arts, who help him improve his language skills.

Aside from the financial hardships, the language barrier is the most significant difficulty Korean students face, Nam Joong said. All international students are required to take the TOEFL—Test of English as a Foreign Language—as a part of the college and graduate admissions process. "Drew requires a very high score," Nam Joong said.

The Theological School has an English language program that many international students participate in before starting classes. "[Director of ESOL] Katherine Brown teaches a program on how to write and give presentations," Nam Joong said. This helps to make what Nam Joong calls the "strange" classes more accessible. The classes at the Theo school are "strange" because every one of them is taught in English—a language which few of the international students truly speak until they arrive at Drew, Nam Joong said.

The Korean Caucus offers classes in English language and American culture not only for the students, but also for their spouses. "They meet to learn about North American culture, history and background," Nam Joong said.

CLA Interaction

One of the best ways to understand the new language and culture is for Korean students to interact with students from the College of Liberal Arts, Nam Joong said. The Korean Caucus organizes multiple weekly events to facilitate the interaction between the schools.

"Mondays at 10:30 a.m., there are [informal] soccer games," Nam Joong said. "Korean students, CLA students, and professors play and mingle." They also play basketball on Thursdays at 9 p.m. in Baldwin Gym, and tennis every Thursday at 8 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join, Nam Joong said.

In turn, the CLA students learn about Korean culture from these school-spanning sports events. Ben Chmielinski ('10) is one of six CLA students in the Kumdo Club, which is instructed by Korean Ph.D. student Isaac Kim. Kumdo is a Korean martial art, and Chmielinski said Isaac Kim often talks about the intensity of the sport in Korea, and how the Korean culture in general differs from that of America. "Last year, when I shaved my head on a whim, Isaac saw me at practice and asked, 'Do you have some problem?'" Chmielinski said. "I had no idea what he could have meant. But it turns out, in Korea people will sometimes shave their heads as a show of protest against something they disagree with."

Along with the various athletic clubs, the Korean Caucus also has a men's and a women's choir, both of which will perform at The Festival of Light on Dec. 1, Nam Joong said. "We will also have a popular Korean dancer," Nam Joong said. Nam Joong enjoys the interactions that he, his fellow



Top: Nam Joong Kim presents a donation that the Korean Caucus collected for a library staff member who lost her home and members of her family in a fire.

Right: Nam Joong Kim pushes his son Hangil on the swing.

students, and their families have with the rest of the Drew community. "We want to contribute to and join as many events as possible," he said.

The Korean Caucus runs the opening and closing worship services at the beginning and end of each semester. "They are for all students, including those from the CLA," Nam Joong said. "The service is bilingual." This semester's closing service will be Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. in Craig Chapel.

Nam Joong has also learned that one of the best ways to get to CLA students' hearts at events—as Chmielinski proved—is through their stomachs.

"We share the Korean food at events," Kim said. "Everybody always likes that."



PHOTOS BY LIZ BOWERS

Annual conference addresses sustainability and diversity

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The Diversity Conference took place at Drew University on Friday to expose students, faculty and other attendees to the various ways that they can implement environmental sustainability and social diversity in their communities.

The annual conference focuses on creating programs and tools to help people successfully promote diversity in their communities.

Vice-President of Programs for the American Conference on Diversity Shanelle Henry Robinson clarified the goals of the organization.

"Basically, we work with school leaders to create inclusive communities," she said. "We're very happy to be at Drew. We're very grateful."

Robinson added, "I'm really reveling in the culmination of the entire event."

The President and CEO of the

organization, Diane Schwartz, was excited to see the conference come together as it did. "The participants here are really engaged," she said, citing the fact that diversity is especially important in New Jersey because it is the most diverse state in the country.

"Our work is very personal to the people we work with. We aim to value diversity, to educate leaders and to garner respect," Schwartz said.

The day was divided into two breakout sessions centered around the concepts of diversity and environmental sustainability separated by a midday keynote address.

"It's definitely been extremely interesting," Andrew Ehler ('11) said of the morning session he attended. "Hopefully it'll raise awareness."

"What might be achieved if organizations for social and environmental sustainability worked together to create healthy, whole communities?" Executive Direc-

tor of the Fund for an OPEN Society Barbara Heisler Williams asked her audience during the keynote address.

Williams focused on encouraging the privileged to do what they can to improve their communities and to help the underprivileged.

"If I wanted to, could I spend the extra money to buy organic produce as opposed to conventional produce?" she encouraged the audience to ask themselves.

She did address, however, the fact that not all people can answer the question with a "yes."

"Oftentimes the concern is not eating organic, but simply eating," Williams said.

She focused her speech on encouraging people to create connections and work together within their capabilities to create a more diverse and sustainable community.

"We need to create a new definition of 'green,'" she concluded. "One that includes racial, social and economic justice."



PHOTOS BY CHARLOTTE HAMMOND

(Left) Professor of History John Perry Leavell shakes hands with former Dean of the College and colleague Paolo Cucci. (Right) Leavell stands with his grandchildren at his reception in Mead Hall.

Celebrated professor retires from Drew

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Lead Reporter

An era is coming to an end at Drew University. Professor of History John Perry Leavell, who has been a member of the Drew faculty for 41 years, is retiring this year.

Leavell joined the Drew faculty in 1967 after receiving his doctorate from Tulane University. During his 41 years at Drew, he served as the chair of the History Department four times and was awarded the Drew University President's Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1997. He became the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History in 2000, and also published a number of journal articles and a series of books.

Most telling of Leavell's character and value to the school, however, is the devotion to him of those who know him. Students, faculty and alumni packed into Mead Hall on Wednesday to celebrate Leavell's retirement. Over one hundred people turned out to toast Leavell.

President Bob Weisbuch opened the evening with a poem he wrote to honor Leavell, entitled "Perry Leavell, An Ode," in which he described Leavell as a cross between "Frodo and St. Nick," to much laughter. Putting jokes aside, Weisbuch had a great deal of praise for Leavell, as did former Dean of the College Paolo Cucci, who attended the event.

"Ask members of the Drew community to describe Perry, and you'll hear words like unflaggingly devoted, determined, steady and persistent," said Cucci. "He has been unfailingly friendly, with a veneer of Southern charm."

Cucci recalled fondly the many committees which Leavell served on, and spoke highly of his repeated terms as History Department chair. "He took his role as leader very seriously — he hired the best and brightest, and was always there to help anyone," he said. "I don't know if even his own department knows how much he's done for them." Though he wished Leavell all the best for retirement, for Cucci

the event is clearly bittersweet. "Perry has given his heart and soul to Drew, and embodies so many of the attributes we view as essential — commitment to teaching and research, mentoring generously and unwavering dedication to this university," He said. "It's up to the next generation to pick up the slack now that he's retiring — a truly awesome task."

Former N.J. Governor and former President of the University Thomas Kean also came out to celebrate Leavell's years at Drew. He recalled his first impression of Leavell, long before Kean came to Drew himself. His son, who took summer courses at Drew University, came home inspired by Leavell's teaching style, calling him "the most exciting teacher I've ever had." When Kean came to the University later on, he was inclined to agree. "Many thousands of students, all across this country and, indeed, all over the world, remember Perry Leavell—something he said, something he did, to change and improve their

lives," Kean said. "I don't know anyone who's done anything more meaningful."

Perhaps most touching is the number of alumni and current students who attended. Many of Leavell's former students came out to congratulate him and wish him good luck.

Nancy Spiller (G'01) wanted to thank Leavell for his influence on her studies. "I'm so appreciative of everything he's done," Spiller said. "His guidance with my dissertation and his reassurance was wonderful." She uses many of Leavell's materials in her own classroom now, as a history teacher in Colonia, N.J.

Current students also attended the event. "He inspired me to be a history major," said Josh Frankel ('10). "He made me realize history can be more than just dates and times."

Leavell's colleagues weren't surprised at the number of students, both past and present, who came to honor Leavell. "Of all the professors in the department, he inspired the most affection among students," Professor of

History Jonathan Rose said. "They regard him as a father or grandfather figure."

Leavell himself was conflicted about his decision to leave. After 40 years, he said, "Drew, as a place, is a place I can't escape. I'll be here forever." It is on this campus that he had both his first date and his wedding to his wife, Barbara. His two sons were born at Morristown Memorial and raised largely on campus. Despite this, however, he is ready for retirement.

"It's a complicated business, retirement, but it's the right time," he said. "It's the right time for young people to come and take up places."

Leavell and his wife will be in California on fellowships until the end of June, and will then live at Princeton University, where Barbara teaches. Leavell says he's come up with a strategy to cope with retirement. "It's like summer," he said. "All teachers know about summer, and this is just a continual summer. You work, you study, and you have a little fun."

Protestors march through Montclair for right to marry

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Saturday. As Hezaa Sudol ('11) said before arriving in Montclair, "Silence is a very loud sound." Soon after the march began, one of the protestors asked Dugan if he could chant. Dugan agreed to the change in plans.

"There's a saying in activism: whenever you get a group of leaders together, expect the unexpected," she said.

"I turned around and asked the people in the front what they wanted to do and they said they wanted to make noise. So we did. The town of Montclair welcomed it with open arms — giving us thumbs up, smiles, words of encouragement, and even little heart signs with their fingers," Dugan said.

Ben Privot ('10) turned the Garden State Equality sign he had been given by protest organizers into a "Honk for Queer Rights" sign, encouraging many drivers to support the cause.

While walking the two- and a-

half miles to Garden State Equality's Montclair headquarters, the protestors passed through several residential areas and near a park before re-entering the town. Many drivers put down their windows to wave or give a "thumbs up" sign, encouraging support for the marchers.

After the march, Dugan emphasized the importance of students to the protest process. "[The] majority of schools in New Jersey are here, which is awesome," Dugan said to the remaining marchers—mostly students—crowded into the third-floor offices of Garden State Equality. In addition to Drew,

"There's a saying in activism: whenever you get a group of leaders together, expect the unexpected."

- Jen Dugan (C'08)

representatives from Ramapo College, TCNJ, Rutgers University, Montclair State University, Kean



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Drew alumna Jen Dugan (C'08) leads a group of protestors through the town of Montclair in N.J.

University, Bergen Community College and NJIT were in attendance.

Rhys McGovern ('11), one of the Drew students in attendance, had originally planned to go to the event in New York City. After hearing about the event Dugan was helping organize, he decided to show his support in Montclair instead.

Goldstein also addressed the student protestors in the office, thanking them for participating and asking them to help finish the job by making phone calls and writing letters to legislators. As

Dugan had emphasized earlier, both social and political action are necessary for equal rights movements to succeed.

For the college groups in attendance, the gathering was an excellent networking opportunity. The leaders of the LGBT groups introduced themselves and said a few words about their groups, inviting those from other colleges to upcoming activities.

At one point in the march, the protestors for equal marriage rights walked along a sidewalk across the street from Edgemont Memorial Park. They were not the only

ones outside on this unseasonably warm, overcast November day.

A wedding party was using the park's picturesque setting as a backdrop for pictures that would commemorate their special occasion. The brightness of the vivid blue dresses of the bridesmaids was rivaled only by the rainbow-clad protestors marching steadily on only a short distance away. If the efforts around the country to secure equal marriage rights eventually pay off, the only thing separating two such groups will be the street which runs between them.



OPINIONS

CLA misses opportunity for cultural exposure

The 70 Korean international students enrolled in the Theological School are intrinsic to Drew University, but their community can be seen as separate or foreign to College of Liberal Arts students. Our differences are not reasons to distance ourselves, but to unite among our three academic spheres. *The Acorn* believes that the CLA students should perceive Drew not as three schools under one name, but one community comprised of three schools.

A merging of the CLA, Graduate and Theological schools must bind their communities, and this should transpire outside of the classroom. It is encouraging to see this happening already. From a martial arts club run by a Korean student and attended by CLA students to a performance by a Korean men's and women's choir at the Festival of Light, it is through sport, art, and other cultural exchanges that the divide between the communities will disappear. It is through events like last week's Caspersen School-sponsored panel on conservatism, attended by members of many parts of the Drew community, that Drew's integration can produce the interdisciplinary discussion that is essential to the liberal arts. This effort must be embraced by the administrators and student leaders of all three schools.

There are rich differences between our academic and personal experiences, and for these reasons we should be more eager to highlight our diversity. How can we miss such an opportunity where Koreans who speak a different language and hail from a foreign culture live among American students who live a typical college life, but feel like they have to study abroad to experience cultural difference? This integration will not happen without a communicative, concerted and controlled approach among all schools.



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Lack of sidewalks hazard to pedestrian students

It's an accident—and potentially a serious one—waiting to happen. An unknowing Drewid on his or her way for some late-night mozzarella sticks at The Space strolls down the road from HERB circle to the UC, when a rapidly-moving SUV zips around the corner, narrowly avoiding disaster as the student dives out of the way. This scenario is possible every day and night, and it needs to stop.

The lack of sidewalks on campus isn't contained to one area. A walk to Sitterly House can prove harrowing on the poorly-lit sloping road at night, and parking behind Welch/Holloway leaves students with a road-only path back to their residence halls. Construction equipment trucks abound as the new dorm nears completion, which increases the

risk even higher, especially for students living in Tolley/Brown circle. Drew has included an increase in sidewalks in the new land usage master plan featured in the Oct. 3 issue of *The Acorn*, but these sidewalks can't come soon enough.

We're glad that the administration realizes this need, and are glad to see safer paths in Drew's future.

But how many more close-calls will happen as the plans make their way through the bureaucratic stages? *The Acorn* stresses the importance of making safe routes on campus a high priority. It's already on your list, administrators, but we want to see it at the top—before someone gets hurt.



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Bush stays consistent on pro-life issues

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"Which philosopher do you consider to be the greatest?" President George W. Bush replied that Jesus Christ is his greatest philosopher. Bush meant what he said because he truly follows Jesus Christ's example, even when the entire American society hates him for it. In following Christ's example, Bush has become one of the most pro-life presidents the United States has ever had. On Aug. 5, 2002, Bush signed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. This law makes sure that if a baby survives an abortion, he or she would receive proper medical attention, have legal rights of any U.S. citizen and have the ability to live in the United States of America. Before the law, pro-life nurse Jill Stanek said she witnessed many babies who survived an abortion die in the hospital by neglect of care. The bill Bush signed makes sure that if any baby survives an abortion, the hospital or Planned Parenthood facility would be forced to provide that baby with medical treatment.

On Nov. 5, 2003, Bush signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law. The act prohibits late-term abortions termed by the bill "partial-birth abortion." Bush called partial-birth abortions "a terrible form of violence [that] has been directed against children who are inches from birth." After the bill was signed, the Supreme Court received a lawsuit stating that the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act is unconstitutional. Yet, the Supreme Court upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

It is strange that most pro-choice citizens support the bill even though it states, "partial-birth abortion remains a disfavored procedure that is not only unnecessary to preserve the health of the mother, but in fact poses serious risks to the long-term health of women and in some circumstances, their lives."

Bush has continued his support of the pro-life movement by vetoing embryonic stem cell bills from Congress that would destroy embryonic cells. According to CNN, when Bush was about to veto the bill, he invited "a group of families with children who were born from adopted frozen embryos that had been left unused at fertility clinics."



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At the White House web site, you will learn that Bush knows that these embryonic cells have the potential to become a human life. The president supports adult stem cells and he has provided "more than \$130 million available for research on stem cell lines derived from embryos that had already been destroyed." However, in unison with his pro-life stance, he is opposed to the use of human embryos for research.

Bush's major moral influence on the United States is the appointment of John G. Roberts

Jr. as the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and Samuel Alito as a justice. Chief Justice Roberts is a devout, conservative Roman Catholic who is pro-life. He has helped argue cases against abortion under Bush, Bush Sr. and Ronald Reagan. He believes that *Roe v. Wade* was decided wrongly and, if he has the opportunity, he will most likely overturn it. Also, Robert's wife makes frequent donations to Feminists for Life. Alito is also a devout, conservative Roman Catholic who is pro-life and who, together with Roberts,

upheld the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 as constitutional. According to National Public Radio, Roberts, Alito, Justice Clarence Thomas, Justice Antonin Scalia, and Justice Anthony Kennedy have created a conservative block in the Supreme Court.

Bush will go down in history for many things, but he will certainly be recognized for his positive influence on the pro-life movement. He not only signed into law legislation protecting the unborn from being aborted, but also banned federal funding—tax dollars—to go toward

paying for abortions for individuals who cannot afford it. He's been the "pro-life president," and will remain a champion for the rights of the unborn. During the signing ceremony of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, President Bush said, "America stands for liberty, for the pursuit of happiness and for the unalienable right of life. And the most basic duty of government is to defend the life of the innocent."

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✂ Reader's Forum ✂

SGA leaders talks about actions and objectives

To the Drew Community:

As the semester comes to an end, we the SGA would like to give you, our faithful student body, an update of what we have been doing and our continuing plans for next semester. Throughout this semester, the SGA has been productive to the best of its ability by working on numerous projects. In September, senators conducted a pilot survey about banning cigarette sales in the UC bookstore. Each senator was responsible for informing their constituents via e-mail about these issues and of their office hours in order to get your opinions. The data was given to the administration, who are now responsible for making the final decision on this issue.

Throughout the months of September and October, our senators began to fulfill their responsibilities, which include that each senator and member of the SGA has to attend at least five different campus events. These events fall under the ECAB criteria of organization categories that include belief, service, cultural, academic and athletic. The purpose of this responsibility is to engage the SGA in the work of other students. In addition to showing our support of different campus

organizations, we held a meeting where we invited all club leaders and athletic captains to attend. This meeting was held with the idea to promote co-sponsorship and foster campus community, and now all of the people received a calendar of the various events on campus this semester. We are hoping to have another meeting like this next semester.

Just recently, the SGA helped coordinate the Project Porchlight compact fluorescent light bulb distribution. This event was a great success because of the efforts made by various members of the Drew community who participated and provided everyone on campus with an environmentally friendly light bulb.

We need your feedback and support so that we can better understand the needs and the ideas of the student body. We want to continue this effort throughout the year, so if you any concerns, suggestions or questions, please contact your senators or us!

Thank you,
Dana Etkowicz, SGA President
Maria Gonzalez, SGA Vice President

Student notes shared hard work by The Acorn staff and Theater majors

Dear Editor,

I would like to address an ongoing battle occurring at Drew University. A battle of the geeks, if you will: the battle between the theater students and the writers of the Drew University *Acorn*.

There has been this battle between the theater students and *The Acorn* students for quite some time.

This was ignited in my head again recently when I made a comment about how the theater reviews do not seem to be reviews, merely book reports. I stand by that statement, but I would also understand why offense would be taken to that statement.

Because it was a snap comment and I wasn't really thinking about the big picture.

I have been a theater student for my four years here. I have also, believe it or not, written for *The Acorn* for two. I was a movie critic.

Anyone who thinks that *The Acorn* has an easy job, let me stand and say that no, they don't. It takes a real skill to summarize and eloquently defend your critiques. And if that isn't bad enough, try sustaining it meaningfully

for a page and a half. During my time for *The Acorn*, I did not write very good reviews.

On that note, being a theater student is also tremendously difficult and time-consuming. Over 50-plus hours are needed to put on any single production here. Not to mention how overwhelming it can be to coordinate that production alongside several other students. For all of it to work perfectly, you really need some magic at your fingertips.

Anyone can write for *The Acorn*, and rightly so. Anyone can participate in theater activities and rightly so. For the most part, both groups of students are left to their own devices, without faculty supervision.

During my time at *The Acorn* I had three different editors. Three. Each left for various circumstances—one I know was due to graduation. This alone should tell you how hard this job is and how tiring it can be. It should also tell you how much we should respect and admire those who choose to do it.

Acorn students spend Thursday nights hauled up in their office until 3

a.m. or later. Theater students spend the week of their shows in the shop or in the rehearsal room until around the same time. It is truly amazing how dedicated all of us choose to be in our passions—it's inspiring. And it's also easy to understand why we get so offended when they are attacked. The work that is put into them is staggering. And even at the end of a hard day's work, sometimes it still might not be very good. And sometimes, it might be brilliant.

Here's the thing that all of us forget so easily: We're all students. And yes, we have our ups and downs. But the beauty of being a student and experimenting with different things is that quite frankly, it's not supposed to be perfect, or breathtaking, or even very good at certain times simply because we're all learning.

I hope that we can recognize the tremendous amount of dedication coming from both groups. And, I only hope that we can begin to encourage each other further in our endeavors.

All the best,
Becca Schlossberg (CLA '08)

Defending equality

Drew Californian dismayed by homophobic ruling

Riordan Woods
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 4, 2008, a date which will live in infamy, the state of California was suddenly and deliberately attacked by homophobic traditionalists. It was no silent attack. During the weeks leading up to the election, traditionalists dropped their deceptive propaganda on the citizens of California from every direction. They held rallies and marches parading their bigotry.

They flashed inflammatory images on television screens and on the Internet. One of the many advertisements from *protectmarriage.com* started by showing Mayor of San Francisco Gavin Newsom speaking at a Gay Marriage Press Conference on May 15, 2008, saying, "This door's wide open now. It's going to happen, whether you like it or not." That excerpt makes gay marriage sound like this overwhelming plague that cannot be stopped. The commercial goes on further to say, "It is no longer about tolerance; acceptance of gay marriage is now mandatory." The commercial ends with a voice-over, saying "We don't have to accept this." That fateful day two weeks ago, history was made with the election of the first African-American president of the United States. It was a large leap forward for the United States in that it ushered in a new chapter for America. On the very same day, however, the second most populous state of the Western Hemisphere passed a bill that restricted the rights of 1,338,164 of its people.

On Nov. 4, 2008, citizens of California voted in the presidential and state elections. Among many other important measures to be voted on, there was Proposition 8. The official

California state ballot describes Proposition 8 as the following: "Changes California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Prop. 8 was unofficially passed with 52.5 percent of the vote. This means that same-sex marriage will no longer be allowed after Dec. 13, 2008, after all the absentee and provisional ballots have been counted—unless it is overturned by the State Supreme Court.

In 2000, California Proposition 22 was passed with 61 percent of the vote. This proposition formally defined marriage in the state between a man and a woman. This proposition, on May 15, 2008, was struck down by a 4-3 vote by the California Supreme Court. Prior to the vote by the state Supreme Court, opponents to same-sex marriage already started drafting Proposition 8.

The arguments for Prop 8 were discriminatory. According to the Official California Voter Guide, the main arguments for the proposition were that it restored the "definition" of marriage; it "protected" public school students from learning that same-sex marriage is the same as male and female marriage; it would not take away any rights for homosexual domestic partnerships; and the best familial arrangement is for a child to be raised by a man and a woman.

Truly, what is the "definition" of marriage? Is marriage not when two people love each other and vow to remain in matrimony? Marriage should be the institution that signifies dignity and respect to the lifetime commitment of any couple. "Yes" on Prop 8 denied that dignity and respect to gay and lesbian couples.



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Many opponents of the proposition argue that the freedom to marry is fundamental to our society, just like freedoms of religion and speech.

Many supporters also voiced their objections over the fact that a "No" on Prop 8 would mean that the "definition" of marriage would be changed. According to the Voter Guide for the California Election, Prop 8 supporters said that "Gays and lesbians have the right to live the lifestyle they choose, but they do not have the right to redefine marriage for everyone else. Proposition 8 respects the rights of gays while still reaffirming traditional marriage." This is also ironic, because according to the National Center for Health Statistics, about half of all marriages end in divorce. "Till death do us part" does not truly apply for many married couples. Traditional marriage, with its lackluster performance rate, is doing more to dishonor the institution of marriage than same-sex marriage could ever do.

The most disconcerting aspect of this statement is that most supporters believe that if there is a law that grants everyone in society the right to recognized marriage, then the world as we know it will come to a screeching halt. This statement is saying that homosexuals can live the way they do as long as they do not cross into the more and more visible line separating homosexuals from heterosexuals. There is a "separate but equal" nature to Prop. 8 that is very reminiscent of the Jim Crow Laws, in that homosexuals are tolerated but not equal to heterosexuals.

Supporters of Prop. 8 fear that children learning about same-sex relations in schools, will somehow warp the children's minds. Yet learning about others when in school serves to increase tolerance. According to the American Psychological Association, "Research suggests that sexual identities (including gender identity, gender-role behavior, and sexual orientation) develop in much

the same ways among children of lesbian mothers as they do among children of heterosexual parents."

The truth is that Prop. 8 has nothing to do with schools. According to California State Law, local school districts and parents develop health education programs for schools and not the state. The current California Superintendent of Schools, Jack O'Connell, said that Prop. 8 had nothing to do with schools. The local school districts and parents can decide if they want to teach students about same-sex relationships.

Furthermore, domestic partnership is not the same as marriage. There have been many cases of

"There have been many cases of domestic partners denied access to many of the privileges grants to married couples."

domestic partners denied access to many of the privileges grants to married couples. When you are married and your husband or wife goes to the hospital, you can get into the ambulance or hospital room with no questions asked. According to the Official Voter Information Guide, in emergency situations, domestic partnerships are simply not enough. Only marriage provides the certainty and the security that people know they can count on in times of greatest need. Granted, domestic partnerships and marriages have a lot in common, but if everyone is to be equal in a society, everyone must be given the same rights.

The reasoning that the best way for children to grow up is with a man and a woman, I take great offense. I was brought up in a household where my mother was the sole parent. I never had a relationship with my biological father because he left when I was two years old. My mother was the only parent I needed because she loved me. Parental love, as well as being able to support a child, is the most important criteria that

should define suitable parents.

Look at the majority of teenage parents. There are a few exceptions, but most teenage mothers and fathers do not know how to take care of their children. Some put the responsibility of parenting on their family members, but many more put their children up for adoption. According to the Child Welfare Research Center, there are more than 78,278 children in the foster care system in California. There are more children entering the foster care system then leaving it, so why not let suitable parents adopt these children? The American Psychological Association says that there is no problem with homosexual parents adopting children, and say that "some jurisdictions prohibit gay and lesbian individuals and same-sex couples from adopting children, notwithstanding the great need for adoptive parents."

So what to do now with a law that even the Republican California State Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said in April 2008 was "a waste of time" and later said that he thought "we need a constitutional amendment so that foreign-born citizens can run for president, but not about gay marriage." What do we do with current discrimination in California that has caused massive backlash not only in California, but all over the country and even internationally? A nonviolent protest on Nov. 12, where more than 10,000 homosexual and heterosexual people showed up outside the New York Manhattan Mormon Temple, is a start.

I guess we will just have to wait and see what the future holds for homosexual rights in California and what the California State Supreme Court does on December 13. Until then, do not stop protesting and voicing your opinion about the inequitable proposition that subjects gays and lesbians to second-class status.

Riordan Woods is a sophomore.



Student fights Prop. 8 and for right to marry

As I drove to the march against Proposition 8 in Montclair last Saturday, all I was really concerned with, at first, was following the directions to get there, not getting lost and not hitting other cars on the slippery highway. The march itself was not on my mind and I was more or less "going through the motions." On the way, some brief thoughts slipped into my mind: How many people

have to fight to gain and uphold rights. But as the traditional American saying goes, "Freedom is not free"—we must struggle constantly as activists to keep freedom and uphold the idea that is America.

Among the messages on the many protest signs, two influenced me the most: "Love has no gender" and "I pay taxes, too." The former rightly implies that

Wake-Up Call

Stephen Petro
Columnist



will be there? How much of an impact can we really make? What am I even doing here on a damp and windy day?

As my friends and I talked amongst each other in the car, I overheard the mentioning of Proposition 2 that was recently passed in California as well, allowing animals some very well-deserved rights. It was then that I also overheard, and agreed with, the statement that if animals have recently been granted rights over cruelty, shouldn't humans deserve at least the same? Shouldn't all people be permitted, under the protection of law, to love and marry each other regardless of gender?

St. Thomas Aquinas, a great philosopher, once argued on the nature of justice and law, declaring that if a law is unjust, it is not technically a law. Rather, according to Aquinas, if such a decree exists, it constitutes an "act of violence," and must be either amended or broken. I felt that this thought of mine was particularly relevant on this day, since Aquinas' philosophies were the forerunners to Martin Luther King's civil rights philosophy of passive resistance. During this conversation, I could not help remembering the rainbow flag that my best friend gave me to wave that day, although I could not yet fully place the significance of its true meaning.

When we arrived at the march, I saw the massive outpouring of all sorts of individuals, and realized the great diversity of these people: gay, straight, lesbian, transgender, gender queer, bisexual, asexual, polyamorous and various others who do not fit within labels. However diverse, we were all there for a common reason and a common goal for the better good: to educate, to enlighten and to make clear our message of unity and justice. As I walked next to my friend He-zaa Sudol ('11) while marching, cars began to honk in support of us all. It was then that I realized how many people understood the blatant discrimination inherent in Proposition 8. I fully realized exactly how "right" my participation in this was. At one point, I asked if Sudol realized the silliness of this situation as well as I did, and naturally, Sudol asked me what I meant. "Well," I explained, "Don't you think it's pretty silly that we actually have to come out here and march for such a basic right like this?" The answer was a resounding yes, and it is sad—sad that we actually

true love has nothing to do with the perceived cultural norms of gender or sex, and that love, at its core, is about intellectualism, understanding and spiritual connection. This concept became even clearer to me as we passed a church, which, to my surprise, displayed a very prominent rainbow flag with a slogan next to it declaring, "Jesus didn't turn others away—neither do we." I agree with this statement. Jesus, too, was an outcast looked down upon in his society simply for his beliefs in love and brotherhood—he was the true embodiment of individuality. If he were here today, I believe he would be marching along with us. When I saw the flag on this church, I realized the true meaning of the flag that my best friend gave me to wave. The flag is not about only queer people, it can be applied to anyone and everyone, for it is about humanity in general—it is about unity, acceptance and educated understanding.

Stephen Petro is a freshman.



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TWO CENTS

How do you feel
about California passing
Proposition 8?

"I think it's horrible, especially since this country prides itself on its freedoms. People should be free to live their lives the way they want to."

—Rebekkah Easley ('11)

"I agree with it. I feel that marriage should be between a man and a woman. That's how it's always been, and that's the way it should be."

—Phil Martoccia ('11)



"I definitely don't agree with it. I think anybody should have the right to marry whoever they want."

—Lalita Nekkanti ('11)



"I support Prop. 8 simply because it agrees with my moral codes."

—Emmanuel Ticzon ('09)

What Obama will inherit

"The result of eight years of a Bush presidency is that President-elect Barack Obama faces the most difficult beginning for an American President since Franklin D. Roosevelt replaced Herbert Hoover in March 1933."

In a *New York Times* editorial earlier this week, columnist Bob Herbert referred to our outgoing President as "George W. Hoover." Few would disagree with the notion that the Bush administration coming to a close is a good thing, both for our country and the world.



Kiss My Donkey

Stephen Yellin
Opinions Columnist

But the result of eight years of a Bush presidency is that President-elect Barack Obama faces the most difficult beginning for an American President since Franklin D. Roosevelt replaced Herbert Hoover in March 1933. While the current American economic crisis has not yet approached the size of the Great Depression, the severity of the situation is balanced by our foreign policy crises in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as a national debt of \$10 trillion.

Yet the national picture is even grimmer than that initial sketch. When looking at the individual problems that Obama faces once he takes office on Jan. 20, it becomes clear that the United States is in desperate need of major reforms. Our infrastructure is in many places outdated and in disrepair—the levees in New Orleans and the bridges covering St. Paul and Minneapolis are equally unprepared for further natural disasters. Close to 50 million Americans have no health care coverage whatsoever and millions more can only afford partial and inadequate coverage. The quality of life for American workers has stagnated, with the value of wages being the same as they were 35 years ago. Despite generous subsidies and a massive bailout package, Wall Street and corporations elsewhere in America suffered astonishing losses.

Our situation abroad is equally tenuous. Even the Bush administration's cheerleaders and architects of the war in Iraq are now negotiat-

ing with the Iraqi government to withdraw all American troops by 2011. Barring a sectarian miracle, the Al-Maliki government will not survive our exit long. Al-Qa-eda in Afghanistan is on the attack, and the democratic government of Ahmed Karzai is in serious danger of collapse. Russia continues to flex its newly recovered political muscles as Ukraine teeters on the brink of political anarchy. It seems likely that, barring major concessions on Obama's part in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus region, a new rivalry between the United States and Russia is in the works. Finally, if China can weather the current economic storm that the American financial crisis spawned for them, then the world's strongest and most innovative economy will belong to a dictatorship for the first time since the 1930s.

In short, the difficulties that Obama will face are enormous. The solutions are equally hard to achieve. He urgently needs to give the faltering economy a cash infusion, as he has promised to do with his planned tax cut for 95 percent of Americans. However, he also desperately needs revenue for the federal government. Whether to make the structural repairs our nation requires, to jump-start federal programs for health care, to renew energy and industrial growth, to afford the continued cost of Iraq and Afghanistan or to stabilize a financial market that shows no signs of stability appearing in the near future. These actions require the government to spend money. And while Obama promised that his programs would be entirely covered in his budget, it's hard to see how the national debt would stop increasing under his current plan.

President Bill Clinton faced a similar fiscal problem when he took office in 1993. His solution was to raise taxes on the wealthy and use the revenue to grow the economy. The policy worked, but the political consequences were staggering. The 1994 congressional elections began a period of conservative government in America that is just now ending. Whether Obama and the Democratic Party can avoid the same fate in 2010 remains to be seen.

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LIFE & ARTS

Punk Safety

Drew Public Safety officer likes to spend his spare time on a different beat

By Marissa Kraynak

(Right) Public Safety Officer Jesse Traynor wears his uniform while keeping watch for Drew overnight. (Left) Traynor busts out lyrics while rocking with his band, The Procedure.



COURTESY OF JESSE TRAYNOR



VICTORIA WEBBE

Imagine sitting at the top of your basement stairs for hours watching your father's rock band practice. For Corporal Jesse Traynor, this was the beginning of his life's passion. With a father in a rock band, Traynor was exposed to music all of his life.

Traynor, a public safety officer on campus, patrols the college campus by night. But by day—when he's off duty—he plays the role of punk rocker as the vocalist in his band, The Procedure. Traynor's musical career began on a college campus similar to the one he patrols today. As a young boy, his father introduced and influenced him to the world of music. He would take him to the record store and buy him huge collections of cassettes ranging from Michael Jackson to the Beatles, to rock and pop artists. Traynor remembers listening to these cassettes over and over again and honing his taste and curiosity in music.

But it wasn't just his upbringing that thrust Traynor into the music world. The catalyst for his music career was the discovery of a "straight-edge and badass" band Minor Threat, he said. The lyrics and unique nature of the band spoke to Traynor. "In society, everyone wants to be a rebel by acting out, and getting into drugs and alcohol," Traynor said. "But the real rebels in modern society are the people who don't get swayed into those substances—the straight-edged people."

After discovering straight-edge music, Traynor continued to expand his love of music. By the time he was 14 or 15, he began to attend lots of shows, spending hours listening to various bands, then buying their CDs or 7" vinyl records. "There are so many bands out there that aren't in record stores or played on the radio that I grew to love through sitting at these shows," Traynor said. Traynor still goes to many shows today.

Although going to shows and building a large library of music demonstrates a passion, nothing gets someone deeper into music than making their own.

During college, Traynor and some of his friends

at The College of New Jersey, where he got his degree in Political Science, decided to start a punk-rock band. The band was called Deemer, named after a dormitory at the college. "We weren't very good, but it was still a lot of fun," Traynor said. After Deemer broke up, Traynor and his friend Bill Henderson, former guitarist for the vastly popular band Thursday, were at a show watching the Ark Angels at a club in Garfield, N.J., when they decided that they still wanted to be a part of the music world. So they decided to start a band of their own. With Henderson as the guitarist, three college friends and Traynor as the vocalists, the men recorded and self-distributed their first demo, and have been playing together ever since.

The Procedure had its share of success, including six CDs and a tour. They traveled in the fall of 2003 with the support of Black Out records, a New York City hardcore record label. Their tour took the band all over the East Coast—basically anywhere they could get a show. They played at college campuses like Cornell, and small clubs and bars in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The band's music began as straightforward hardcore music influenced by metal bands such as Shai Hulud. But over the course of developing the band, they were influenced by bands such as Quicksand, Helmet and Fireside, and their music took on a progressive post-hardcore feel. Their lyrics deal with issues that are important to all the members. "Our lyrics currently deal with socio-political issues that are near and dear to our hearts, [such as] the environment, gay rights, censorship, religion, and war," Traynor said.

Their first CD was the self-released four-song demo that launched their career. The second, "For Janus," came out in 2003, along with their first full CD, "Rise of New Reason." These were followed by another self-release in 2004 and "Shift

New Drew TV show for and by students

Ian Crepea
Contributing Writer

Although the name may be quirky, Drew University's new student-run television program, "Squirrelvision," which can be seen on Drew TV, serves a functionally important purpose.

The interactive program, which is hosted by Biology major and Environmental Studies minor Christopher Damurjian (CLA '09), was created to better inform Drew University's campus on upcoming events and thus better serve the Drew community.

"It is created by the students, for the students," Damurjian said in an interview.

Making an episode of "Squirrelvision" isn't exactly a walk in the park.

Damurjian said that a staff comprised of about 10 students and faculty collects information with respect to weekly events on campus and then relays that information back so that segments for the show can be created.

"Everyone on the team works together to create a segment by collecting information," he said.

Currently, three episodes of "Squirrelvision" have aired on Drew TV.

However, the staff currently is entertaining the idea of shooting



JEN RICHTER

'Squirrelvision' informs Drew community about campus events.

more episodes.

"We are always looking for new ideas," Damurjian said. Make no mistake—"Squirrelvision" intends to stick around long-term.

When asked if the staff hopes to keep the legacy of "Squirrelvision" alive even after its members graduate, Damurjian remained quite optimistic.

"Yes, everyone is welcome to come and help," he said.

You can catch "Squirrelvision" on channel 47.

A new episode is premiered midway through each week and is aired through the end of each weekend.

Exact times are available on the Drew TV schedule on channels 3, 46 and 47.

New America's Next Top Model finally worthy of show's title

I really hope that people still watch America's Next Top Model, because I sure do. And before I continue, this is a spoiler, so now

Seamless

Mark Tauriello
Fashion Columnist



that I have warned you I don't want to hear any complaints.

For once I was pleasantly surprised by this cycle's winner, Mckey. Normally, I really disagree with Tyra's decisions for the winners like Carrie D., Scandeleisha—oh, I mean, Celicia—and last cycle's winner, Whitney, who is faker than Cher's face. None of the winners really have that high-fashion look.

This cycle, however, is an exception.

What I love about Mckey is that she always looks like a high-fashion model, with or without all the eccentric make up.

She had also done consistently well throughout the past cycle, and had never been in the bottom two for eliminations.

Her look is quite unique as well.

Her best features are her awkwardly long legs, edgy, short haircut, her menacing joker smile and her ability to contort her body for high fashion shoots and also manage to have a strong presence doing commercial photo shoots, such as Covergirl ads.

One thing I disagree with is how far Sam made it in the competition.

I don't understand how someone with such a boring "girl at the mall" look can make it to the top two on America's Next Top Model.

I mean, if it was called "America's Next Top Sears Catalogue," then fine, but she just didn't have the "look" or the presence of a professional supermodel.

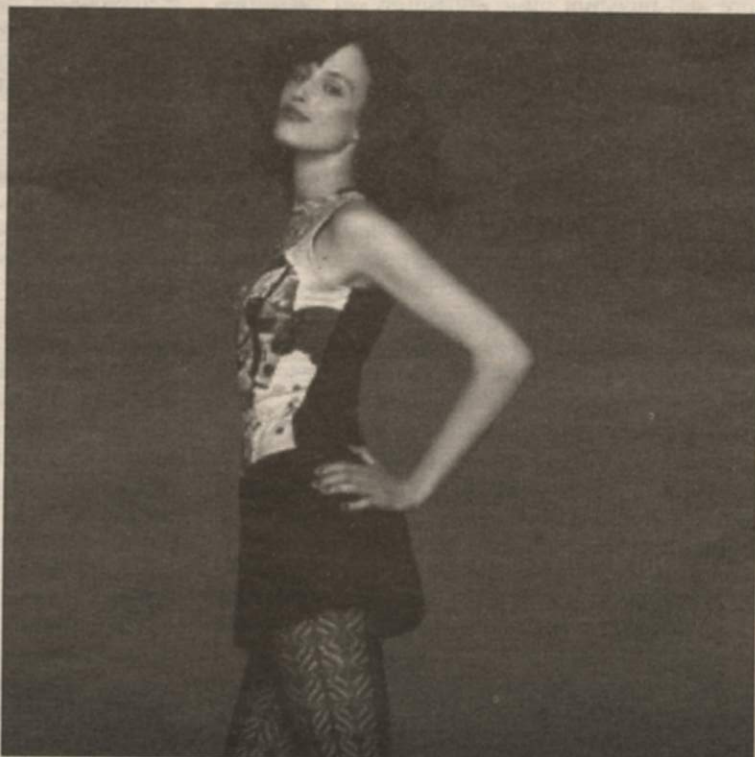
Though I did like her personality and determination a lot in the show, I really did not think she would stand a chance against Mckey.

All and all, I must say that the models in this past cycle were all pretty decent.

A good example was Isis, who was their first trans-gendered model, because she repped it for the GLBTQ community and had a strong face for modeling.

I think a majority of the girls that Tyra and her crew picked for this cycle will definitely have no problem booking jobs in the fashion industry.

I can't wait for the next cycle of America's Next Top Model, or for Tyra to "smile with her eyes."



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Mckey, the newest winner of America's Next Top Model is high fashion.

A scrumptious Commons feast

Photos by Joy Kelsch



Last night at the Commons students enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, ham, green beans, stuffing, spanakopita, corn and many more delicious dishes were served.



Although the Commons was fairly crowded, the three tasty pie options were well worth a short wait. Apple, pumpkin and pecan pies stretched as far as the eye could see.

Class Division

Photos by Victoria Webbe



Yesterday night, students from Professor Kesha Moore's Introduction to Sociology course learned first hand the social hierarchy of the world hunger issue. A "Hunger Banquet" was held in room 104 of the UC, and attendees were split into three separate groups representing the upper, middle and lower classes of the world. Each were presented with a meal ranging in quality—the "upper class" students dined on well-made meals, while the "lower class" students were treated to a small helping of rice and water. All students, however, received a speech from Mark Whine, an advocate for fighting hunger.



Public Safety Officer patrols the campus and rocks the mike

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Pacific" in 2005. Their most recent album, not yet released, is titled "The Ancestor's Tale." Traynor says the most recent record is their best yet. The lyrics, he says, tell the story of the failure of man.

After the tour in 2003, reality set in and Traynor began working at Drew as a public safety officer. Now he patrols the campus from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Although Traynor would much rather play his music or be a forest ranger—his other dream job—he enjoys his job in the Forest. "Every day is a new challenge and any decisions you might make can be huge," Traynor said. "The challenges and responsibilities of this job can be very gratifying." Traynor likes the outdoors and having the freedoms he has working for Drew. His fellow co-workers, who are a very diverse group of people, are supportive of Traynor's musical interests. Fellow officer Dan Flora said, "It's pretty cool that [Jesse] has other interests, and he is really talented."

Despite his job as a public safety officer, music still plays a huge role in Traynor's life. His band is still together and doing well, even though they live scattered throughout New Jersey and don't get to meet as often as



VICTORIA WEBBE

Corporal Jesse Traynor works an overnight shift from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

they would like. Traynor believes that his band, all "best friends," won't be breaking up anytime soon. "We have shared nights in weird places, performed for huge screaming crowds and little one-person crowds, and all that makes me think we'll be friends forever."

IVCF benefit concert aids African school

Michelle Caffrey
Managing Editor

The Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship held a benefit concert in Craig Chapel to raise funds for a school in Uganda last Saturday. Many IVCF members saw the school for themselves during a summer trip to the central African nation. They sang and did building projects. IVCF President Eric Valosin ('09) sat down with *The Acorn* to talk about his time on African soil and their fundraising efforts to improve the lives of students thousands of miles away.

The Acorn: So, who did you go to Uganda with?

Eric Valosin: It wasn't with the school, but it happened to be a bunch of people that go here. Eric Valosin, Arnold Kawuba, Casey Zaboras, Heather Parrish, Pete Michaels [and] Kristin Valle worked with the Watototo organization which helps AIDS orphans...It started off with an organization that would buy up plots and develop houses with a mother and eight orphans. There's three villages of them, we worked on building a house at one of them.

One is actually working on [a house] for child soldiers.

The Acorn: What was it like to be a part of this?

Valosin: It was actually my first time out of the country. It was just mind-blowing, so beautiful. But the worst poverty here is considered the standard over there. I saw things I couldn't believe. And Uganda is more



COURTESY OF ERIC VALOSIN

"It was just mind-blowing, so beautiful. But the worst poverty here is considered the standard over there." — Eric Valosin

well-off than other African countries.

The Acorn: What were some things that did strike you?

Valosin: The soil was this rich red. I know that may not seem like much, but I'm an Art major, I process things visually. We were talking about how the dirt's kind of symbolic of poverty—it's everywhere. We'd see kids digging for sweet potatoes, because that's how their families ate. And digging for sweet potatoes is one of the hardest things, something adults don't even want to do and these are 6-year-old kids.

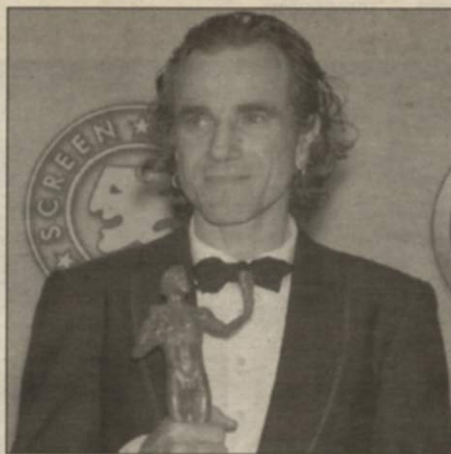
The Acorn: So what's going on now with your efforts?

Valosin: The IVCF was looking for our year-long outreach, and when we were there, Casey [Zaboras] was like, "Eric, can we please make this our year-long project?" So we're trying to raise money for [the school]. This school we visited, which Arnold has a connection to, treated us like the most important visitors they've ever had, and we're

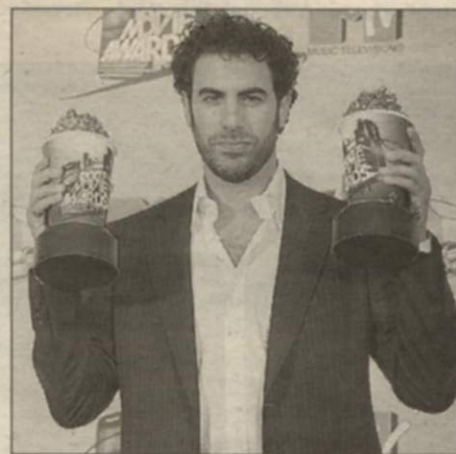
just some college kids. All of us except for Arnold are in Shadow of His Wings [the Drew Christian A-cappella group], so we sang them songs and they sang back to us. Then we went to a board meeting, where they said, "We really need [any help you can give]."

The Acorn: So what went on with the benefit concert and your other fundraisers?

Valosin: [St. Pius] has 700 to 800 students, and one shelf of books. And we asked the [Volunteer Resource Center] about how they did their book drives, and they said their [books] had all been from Circle-K, but had never been picked up, so we got over 1500 pounds of books to send back there. We also had a fundraiser for school supplies and Casey's church she works at had some that had never been picked up, either. We had the benefit concert last Saturday to raise money for them to spend how they want. We raised 484 dollars, which for the small turnout is pretty awesome.



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Day-Lewis is stuck in latest role, Baren-Cohen disrupts movie

Actor **Daniel Day-Lewis**, infamous for taking method acting to the extreme, is once again living life as his latest character even after the cameras stop rolling. At least that's what the rest of the cast and crew think he's doing—no one can

or hanging around with ginormous families.

Dame Helen Mirren is in trouble with feminists everywhere thanks to her controversial views on rape. Mirren, who has casually admitted to doing cocaine and being date raped on multiple occasions, said that female rape victims face difficulty when their cases go in front of female jurors because most female jurors are going to assume that the victim was "asking for it," Mirren said. "The only reason I can think of is that they're sexually jealous."

Well, you know how all us women just love to get raped. Seriously, Helen Mirren? You hear that sound in the distance? It's the sound of a million feminists banging their heads against their desk as they read this.

Just when you thought **Sacha Baron-Cohen** had pranked enough people with his antics in *Borat*, last week he caused

production on the hit TV show "Medium" to be shut down when he invaded the set as his other famous character, fashion reporter Bruno. Baron-Cohen posed as an extra—a disruptive one, naturally—and had to be forcibly removed from the set before anyone realized that it was him. He is filming guerilla segments for his upcoming film, "Bruno: Delicious Journeys Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males Visibly Uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner in a Mesh T-Shirt." Best. Title. Ever.

Potty-mouthed yet brilliant "South Park" creators **Trey Parker** and **Matt Stone** are bringing a musical to Broadway. And it's a musical satire about Mormons. It will be imaginatively titled "Mormon Musical." At the risk of sounding as socio-politically ignorant as Helen Mirren, I'm not even going to go there.

Mixed Nuts

Katie Chambers
Columnist



actually understand him. Day-Lewis plays Italian director **Guido Contini** in the upcoming movie musical "Nine," alongside **Nicole Kidman**, **Sophia Loren** and **Penelope Cruz**. The bombshells are baffled because Day-Lewis refuses to speak anything but his character's native Italian when on set. No word yet on whether or not he's also making a habit of eating nothing but pasta

Thrift store provides solutions for community and wardrobes

Flannel shirts, oversized sunglasses, cute handbags and hot high tops. I'm not describing Urban Outfitters with their outrageous prices. Who the hell pays \$25 for one beaded bracelet or \$65 for a brightly colored button-down? Although Madison lacks any true thrift shops, there are New York resources that give you more bang—and authenticity—for your buck.

Beacon's Closet has been dressing Brooklynites since 1997. This clothing exchange store has two locations, both of which offer great bargains on hot hand-me-downs.

The 5,500 square foot Williamsburg store has a huge variety of items, all organized by gender, type and color, leaving the store polka-dotted with different hues. This large location is the perfect place to pick up a new outfit for cheap, and their selection is always amaz-



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The Williamsburg store has 5,500 square feet of shopping goodness.

is considerably smaller, this is a blessing in disguise. Since there is less to choose from, it's easier to find the perfect item among the racks.

Regardless of what store you choose to visit, there are plenty of amazing clothes, shoes, accessories and random items at both locations. The staff is friendly and eager to help and the entire operation is run seamlessly.

If you would like to sell your clothing to Beacon's Closet, they offer 35 percent cash or 55 percent store credit of the price they tag each item. There is no need for an appointment—Beacon's will buy your stuff anytime during store hours up to 30 minutes before closing time. Cash and credit is received for your items on the spot.

All items which are not purchased are given to various charity organizations, such as Dominick's Mobile Ministry. Beacon's Closet also donates a portion of their revenue to other charities, such as the Brooklyn Animal Resource Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary, Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF and the Coalition for the Homeless.

Purchasing your newest sweet threads should be about more than just looking good. The community fuels thrift stores like Beacon's Closet and they give back just as much as they take. Shopping at local consignment shops is a way to both look good and do something good, and that definitely adds new perspective to the idea of a shopping spree.

City Slicker

Jess Janusee
City Columnist



ing. As Beacon's Web site says, they supply "both ultramodern and vintage attire." The selection is varied and expansive. Whether it's a plastic donkey mask or a pair of super skinny plaid pants, you're guaranteed to find something you like at the Williamsburg store.

The sister store was opened in 2002 in the trendy Park Slope neighborhood. Although this store

Chamber Music Society launches '08-'09 season

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center kicked off its third season at Drew University on Monday at 8 p.m. A limited number of student tickets were available beginning Monday at 10 a.m. through the Shakespeare Theatre Box Office. This program celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Kavian sisters' duo debut. The Mozart Sinfonia Concertante was performed by a full chamber orchestra, featuring former students Ani and Ida Kavian and other young professionals.



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Upcoming Events

11/23 TBA Drew Invitational

1/11 TBA at University of Pennsylvania

1/24 TBA at John Hopkins University

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Current Record (0-2)

Ursinus L 110-89

Ramapo L 107-90

Upcoming Events

11/22 1 p.m. at Lebanon Valley

12/6 1 p.m. at William Paterson University

12/9 6 p.m. Montclair State University

MEN'S

SWIMMING

Current Record (0-2)

Ursinus L 94-67

Ramapo L 114-68

Upcoming Events

11/21 6 p.m. College of Staten Island

11/22 1 p.m. at Lebanon Valley

12/6 1 p.m. at William Paterson University

WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL

Current Record (1-0)

NJCU W 58-42

Upcoming Events

11/18 6 p.m. at Rutgers Camden

11/22 8 p.m. Hood College (Rose City Classic)

12/4 TBA at College of St. Elizabeth

MEN'S

BASKETBALL

Current Record (0-1)

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Upcoming Events

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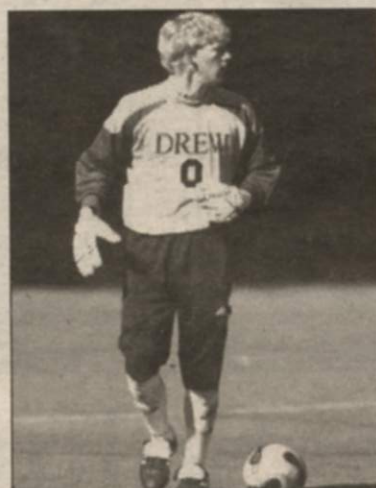
11/25 7 p.m. at Ursinus College

Landmark players of the Fall

The Landmark Conference honored athletes with selections to the 2008 All-Landmark Conference Soccer teams as voted by the conference's eight head coaches. The inaugural All-Landmark Team includes a first and second team with 12 honorees on each team, with the selections being made by position. Among these selections were the following Drew students.

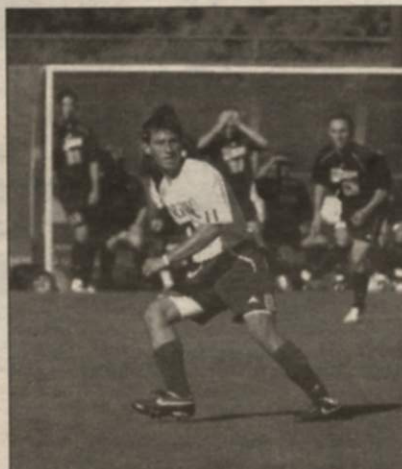
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Jeff Rogers ('11)



COURTESY OF JEFF ROGERS

Greg Zizik ('10)



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Named Offensive Player of the Year

Dan Bonder ('09)



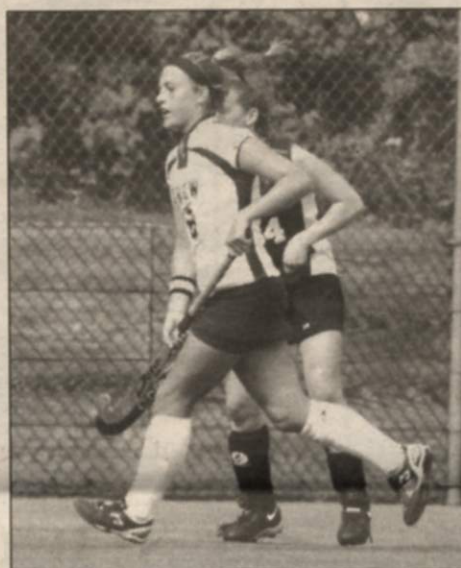
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John Jabar ('10)



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Anthony Pisani ('10)



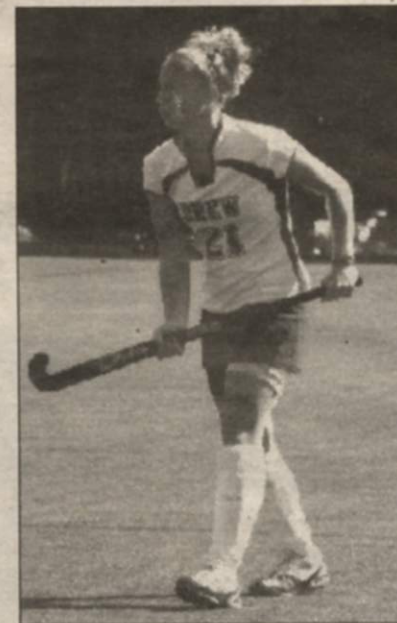
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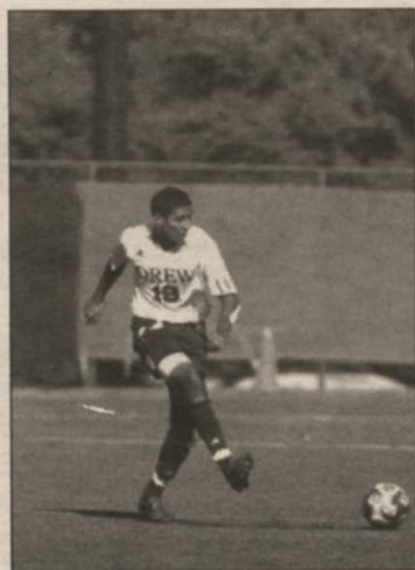
Named Defensive Player of the Year
Nicole DiBattista ('10)



COURTESY OF NICOLE DiBATTISTA

Second Team

Roberto Gonzalez ('10)



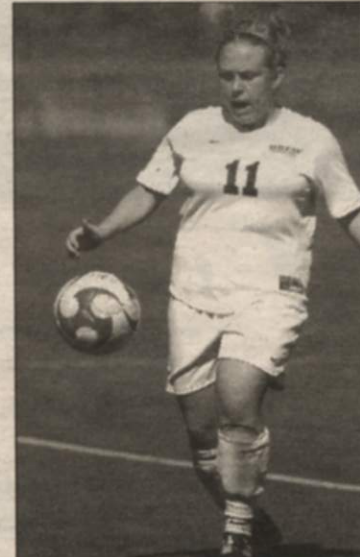
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Fencing team finds success at Temple

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The Drew University fencing teams trekked to Temple University to battle with Duke University, the University of North Carolina and Rutgers University last weekend in the 29th Temple Open.

With close to 90 other fencers from several top teams in each of the individual competitions, the opposition was fierce for the men's and women's teams. But the Open provided another opportunity for the fencing team besides simple competition.

"Last season UNC, Johns Hopkins University and Drew all took awards in the top three for every weapon in the division, as well as overall best team in the division," Foilist Scott Brandsdorfer ('10) said. "We used the Temple Open to size them up and see who and what caliber of fencers we will be seeing later in the season."

The team will be competing with JHU in January, so the Temple Open provides them with ample time and opportunity to prepare appropriately.

The Temple Open was a week-end-long affair, with the women's team fencing on Saturday and the men's team fencing on Sunday. While their results don't quite match up with last year's performances, Drew still performed well.

One of the most successful fencers was Epeeist Alex Van den Bergh ('11), who competed against 106 other fencers. He battled through



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Saberist Bardya Shirohammdi ('12) faces off against Josh Herring ('12) of MIT in the match.

the first two pools with a perfect record and he tied for third with Andrew Stanco of New York University. Fellow Drewid Mike Heumann ('10) finished in 16th place. Tristan Jones of Duke University and Remy Olson of Haverford College took first and second place.

Drew fencers also made a strong showing in the other categories.

Foilist Joren Madsen ('11) finished in 15th place out of 95 fencers. Brandsdorfer finished in 23rd place.

Saberist Bardya Shirmohammadi ('12) made a big splash by finishing in the top 15 out of 89 fencers.

For the women, Epeeist Katie Galpin ('12) finished 9th out of 86 and Women's Cap-

tain Epeeist Naomi Bocarsly ('08) finished 11th out of 86. Foilist Ciara Perez ('10) finished in 43rd place, while Laura Paragano and Ilena Sinkin, both of the University of Pennsylvania, took first and second place.

While the matches were judged on an individual level, the Drew fencing teams were

more concerned with gauging the strength of the competing schools. "Coming into the matches we all knew that UNC, JHU and Steven's Institute of Technology were going to be trying their best against us, seeing as how we are all in the MACFA division," Brandsdorfer said.

The Drew Invitational on Sunday heralds the last competition for the fencing team this semester. "This coming weekend is a team event rather than an individual event," Brandsdorfer said. "We are very confident going into the weekend that we can turn out some great results. While we were able to defeat Rutgers at the Vassar meet, we are not taking them for granted and have been training very hard to win back-to-back against them."

While many Drewids will be taking this winter break to catch up on some well-deserved rest and relaxation, the team will still be hard at work. They will be returning to Drew on Jan. 5th to train for the next semester and practice will last four hours a day, for five days a week. Competitions at schools such as JHU, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University will ensure that the team's skills remain sharp. "As of right now, I am very glad with the performance of the team and the overall effort that is coming out of our fencers," Brandsdorfer said. "We are all training our best and just waiting for our next meet. All in all, I could not be happier with my teammates and I cannot wait for Sunday for the rest of the school to see all of our hard work pay off."

Rangers pick up speed after late Raptor rally

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scoring 30 points in the first half and denying the Raptors a single point in the last 11 minutes of the half.

Throughout the second half, the Rangers improved to a 19-point lead after a lay-up by Emma Grossman ('11), but that lead was soon cut short.

The Raptors went on to score 11 out of the 13 points scored, cutting the Ranger lead down to 10 with six minutes left to play.

Even with the added pressure as the final minutes of the game wound down, the Rangers maintained their composure and got some key points to secure their second win of the season.

Logan scored a lay-up and a three-pointer to end the Raptors' offensive surge.

After her five points, Del Vecchio and Barber combined for four points.

Laura Methevin ('09) then scored four straight points of her own, giving the Rangers a 57-37 lead with about two minutes left to play. Logan, Ault and Danielle Barber ('12) led the scoring as all three reached double digits.

Ault and Barber scored 13 points each in the game, proving that even though they are just freshman, they can already handle collegiate-level basketball.

"I have never felt more a part of a team than I do here at Drew," Ault said. "The girls are awesome and as a freshman it was pretty amazing to come onto a team with that feeling."



YASMIN BALDINI

Michelle Cordaro ('11) gets ready for opening game during practice.

Once again, Reid was a powerhouse down low, grabbing 14 rebounds for the Rangers.

The defense as a whole performed very well in the game, only allowing the Raptors a 30 percent shooting percentage.

"We're playing really good team defense. We are talking and playing like a team, and that has been helping us win our games," Del Vecchio said.

This win puts the Rangers in a

good place as they head into the Rose City Tournament this weekend.

"We hope to win the Rose City Tournament and get a spot in the Landmark Conference playoffs this season," Del Vecchio said. The Rangers will play an 8 p.m. game against Hood College tomorrow at home.

If the Rangers win, they will advance to the finals of the Rose City Classic on Sunday.

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Intramurals popular amongst Drewids

Neal Day
Staff Writer

With winter just around the corner, indoor intramurals are starting up.

Volleyball and squash are two sports that Drew University students just can't get enough of.

In particular, student interest in volleyball has been incredibly high this year.

Director of Campus Recreation, Andre Moore, estimated over 100 applicants for volleyball alone.

"I get to spend time with my friends and be active."

- Colin Kanach ('09)

"Interest in the sport has been high. Faculty, sports teams and other students all want to form teams," Moore said.

Some teams have been turned away because the league is at maximum capacity.

Though it may be too late to join a volleyball team, those who were lucky enough to get in know how exciting it can be.

One such student, Colin Kanach ('09), already gives volleyball two thumbs up.

"I've always wanted to sign up for an intramural sport during my years at Drew, but never did," Kanach said.

"So far, my experience has been great because I get to spend time with my friends and be active instead of sitting around watching Jeopardy."

Perhaps because it is so close to Thanksgiving, squash has also been popular this year, and the competi-

tion has been heating up.

Though many Drewids frequent the squash court, there is always the opportunity for newcomers and novices to partake in the action.

In fact, intramurals are the perfect foray into sports don't often get much attention.

"I would recommend them to anyone because of the ability to sign up as a free agent," Moore said. "There is a perfect team for everyone."

As far as intramurals interfering with schoolwork, Kanach puts those fears to rest.

"I didn't end up joining an intramural floor hockey team my freshman year because I was afraid it would

interfere with homework. But, after joining this year, it doesn't take up much time at all," he said.

Moore is also looking into adding new sports and activities in the near future. "Our options are wide open."

For example, floor hockey or wiffleball are among your favorite sports, then you may be in luck as these sports are being considered for next semester.

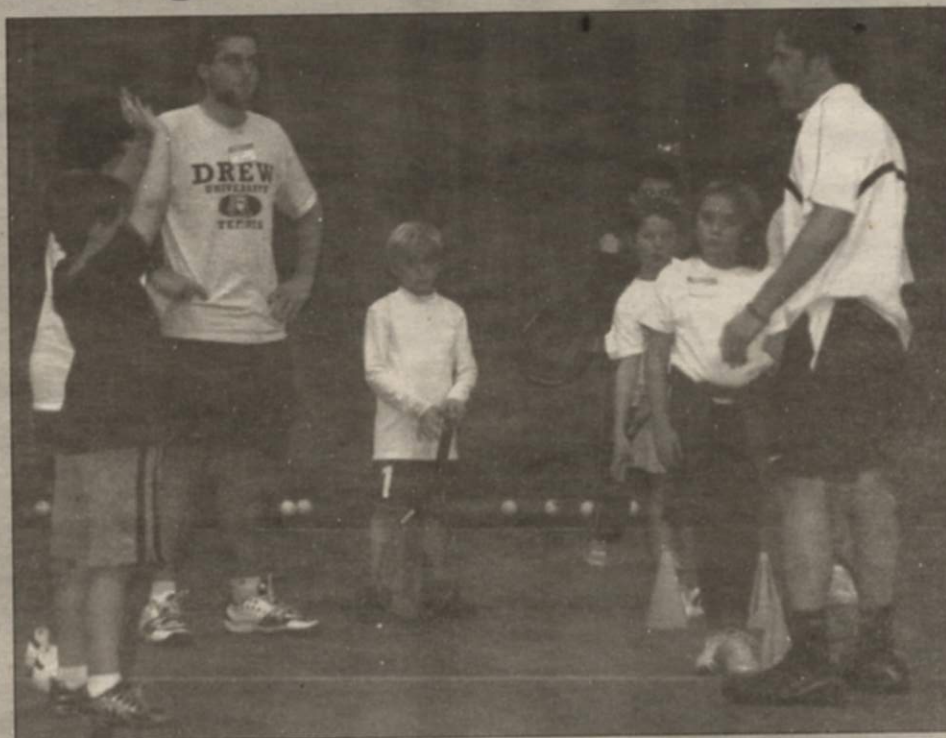
If not, Moore is looking to possibly have a movie in the pool night, fitness classes, or a basketball tournament to help students unwind before finals.

To learn more about what Drew intramurals have to offer, go to the Campus Recreation Services Office and talk to Andre Moore.

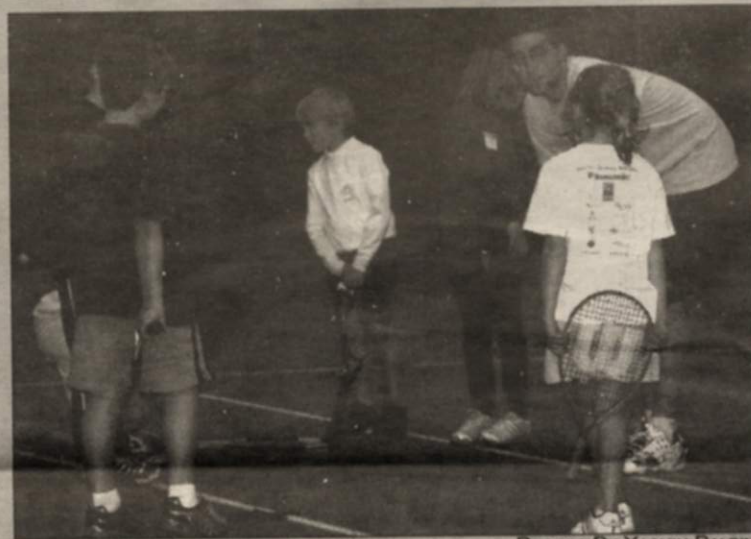
Moore gave the simplest and most important reason to join an intramural team.

"We're all just looking to have fun."

Rangers teach the youth



The clinic that the men's and women's tennis teams held last Sunday was a success. The clinic helped the teams raise money for their upcoming seasons. Both teams helped teach tennis skills to young players.



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Rangers losses show struggle toward goals

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showed signs of reform. After averaging 56 points per game last year, Drew forced nine steals, knocked down 10 three-pointers and got 32 points off the bench to score 61.

"It's a new system for the guys to learn, and a new philosophy," Keckler said. "It will take time, but we are heading in the right direction."

Hosting the Vassar College Brewers in the team's home opener on Nov. 18, the Rangers came out with more spark than they had at New Paltz. Through the first five minutes of play, the score was Muller-6, Vassar-0. Drew's battle-tested guard scored the first 6 points of the game off of a steal and lay-up, a pair of free-throws and a mid-range jumper. Vassar quickly responded, seizing its first lead of the game when guard Caleb McGraw drained a long three-pointer with 13:12 left in the half.

The Rangers regained a 19-16 lead, but guard Brian Butterworth caught fire for Vassar at the 11:34 mark. The senior drilled three consecutive three pointers to put Vassar up by 3 points, before Bard

knocked down a three-pointer of his own to stop the bleeding.

After a back-and-forth first half, the teams entered halftime separated by four points, 35-31.

Drew showed a momentary lapse in concentration to start the second half though, and the Brewers pounced on it. Vassar's 17-2 run to open the second half blew the game wide open. Although Drew matched Vassar's intensity throughout almost the entire game, the Brewers' quick surge stunned the Rangers. Drew never had a response, and Vassar ran away with its second straight victory to start the season, 71-53.

"We need to be better longer," Keckler said. "We are showing flashes of being a pretty good team, but we're not doing it for forty minutes. We need more consistency and discipline."

Despite demonstrating short spurts of confidence-lacking play within its first two losses, Keckler realizes that his team must suffer temporary growing pains to achieve impending victory.

"We are still trying to establish habits that will make us successful for the long term," he said. "Not just for now."



KERRY KLUG

In his first game as head coach, Darryl Keckler tries to pump up his team during the game.

Turkey dinner with a side of football

Some people may differ on what they feel is the most American holiday. Sure,

spacious end zones.

But American football and Thanksgiving share a bond not found anywhere in the country, or in the world that I am aware of.

There has been professional football played on Turkey Day since 1920 and for decades the teams associated with Thanksgiving football have been the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys.

Honestly, I could not care less how either team performs, but I have tuned in ever since I had to sit at the kids' table on Thanksgiving.

In fact, I would bet you my Thanksgiving dinner, which I value very highly, that the Titans will manhandle the Lions and the Cowboys will blow out the Seahawks, but I really do not care.

Fortunately, the NFL Network added a game to the traditional two-game schedule, and the Arizona Cardinals vs. the Philadelphia Eagles should be an entertaining game.

The point is, it really does not matter who is on, as long as they are playing football.

It is not just at the professional level where there is a storied history of football.

High school football on Thanksgiving actually has a much longer and a more bitter history.

This is a nationwide phenomenon where rivals, some over a century old, play for bragging rights in what many consider the biggest game of the year.

To use a local example, Wolfpack, the Boston Latin School, has been playing the English High School Bulldogs every

Thanksgiving since 1887. Latin has owned English in the rivalry, winning 10 consecutive, 25 of the last 26, and 39 of the last 41 contests.

The game still makes sports headlines in Boston, the Wolfpack and the Bulldogs still play to the utmost of their ability every year, and the two schools still hate each other, despite the lopsidedness of the rivalry.

I am calling on every Drew student out there, if it fits in with their Thanksgiving schedule, to

go to your high school Thanksgiving Day football game.

I realize not everyone went to a high school with a football team, but you really do not have to go far to find a game where the kids have been waiting all year to stomp their rivals.

One does not even need to enjoy the sport to appreciate the history of some of these games and how important they are to some schools.

Sure, there is more to Thanksgiving than football, but I chal-

lenge anyone to say that football has not added to the anticipation so many Americans share when Turkey Day is approaching.

Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pilgrims, family and football—who is to say which one is a more integral part of the holiday than the other?

Remember, Thanksgiving is about many things, but all in all it is an important tradition in our culture, and every true American should be grateful for what the holiday brings to us.

Just the Truth

Nathan Hoffman
Sports Columnist



the Fourth of July is a favorite amongst many, maybe even Veteran's Day or Memorial Day.

I enjoy the fireworks and respect what our soldiers have done for the country as much as any American, but the most American holiday is the one right around the corner, if you ask me.

Think about it. On Thanksgiving we get to spend time with family and loved ones, who in some cases come from all parts of the country and we get to see but once a year.

We stuff ourselves to the point where crude, punched-in holes need to be added to our belt, and we get to enjoy a day full of football—our most cherished sport.

If you do not enjoy any of these things, you might as well move to Canada and celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October.

OK, I guess Canadians enjoy stuffing themselves, although probably not to the extent we do.

And I guess they enjoy the sport of football, although every time I see highlights of Canadian football, I am bothered that Canadians feel the need to put their own twist on an already great game, with their wide fields and

Thanksgiving Schedule

Tennessee Titans vs. Detroit Lions

12:30 p.m. on CBS



Seattle Seahawks vs. Dallas Cowboys

4:15 p.m. on FOX

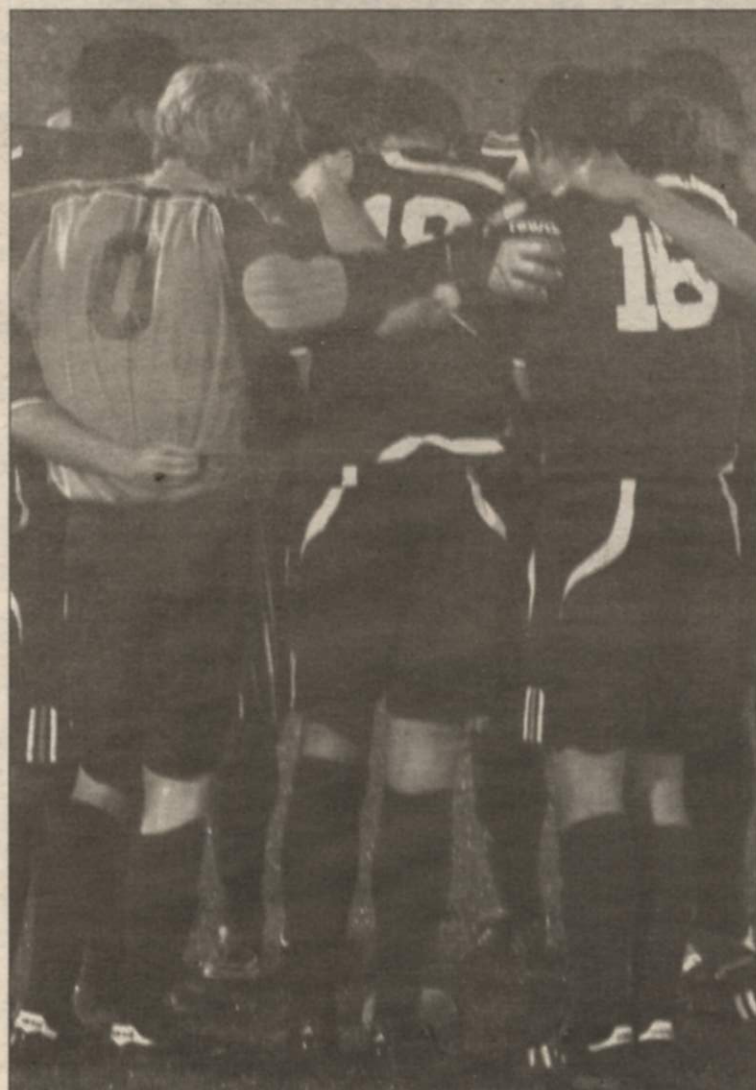


Arizona Cardinals vs. Philadelphia Eagles

8:15 p.m. on NFL Network



Rangers end season with strong effort



Alexandra Aarons
Staff Writer

Men's soccer ended their season on Friday, November 14th in a hard-played battle against Christopher Newport University of Virginia at Richard Stockton College in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

The Rangers ended their 2008 season with an impressive 14-4-2 record.

The Rangers fought hard through the entire game, but fell to the Captains 3-1.

Winston Mattheisen of CNU opened up the scoring in the first half with a controversial goal. The ball barely crossed the line into the goal, causing many frustrations to the Rangers and their fans. Despite the loss, there is nothing to be frowned upon, for the Rangers have not been in the NCAA tournament since 2004.

"Making the NCAA tournament was a huge accomplishment for our team," Jim Rossi ('09) said. "It was the first thing that was said as we walked onto the field in August for pre-season. We were determined to make it to the tournament. The season as a whole was very special, and going to the NCAA tournament was dessert with whipped cream on the bottom."

The game had some noticeable highlights, including outstand-

ing defense by John Jabar ('10) and goalkeeping by Jeff Rogers ('11).

One of the more memorable events was Rossi's goal in the 84th minute of the game.

In their last game as Rangers, Shao Shroff ('09) assisted Rossi for a goal that lifted everyone's spirits in the final minutes.

There were many highlights of the season that should not be forgotten. Vinny Costa ('10) recalls on two very important games he felt stood out for him on the season.

"When we beat Merchant Marine at home, we had a stretch in the second half where we played as well as we played all year, and that is when I knew we were a really good team."

And even though the game did not end as well as many of the Rangers may have hoped, it "[was most memorable] because I'll never forget the feeling of playing in a big game like that," Costa said.

The Rangers also gained a ranking in the Top 25 in NCAA to the record books, as well as staying ranked in the region for the duration of the season. At the close of the season, they ended at the top of the Landmark Conference regular season with a 6-0-1 record.

The Rangers also had six of their players on All-Conference teams, including Greg Zizik ('10), who was named the Landmark

Offensive Player of the Year. Dan Bonder ('09), Anthony Pisani ('10) and Jeff Rogers were named on the All-Landmark first team, and Jabar and Roberto Gonzalez ('10) were both named to the All-Landmark second team.

Most importantly, the guys had fun and enjoyed their season to the fullest.

The Rangers can look back on most of the season's games with great memories. "The season was the best I've had in 4 years," Rossi said. "The team really came together like a family. To make the NCAA's this year was the defining moment for the program over the last 4 years. Hopefully it's the start of another long run of tourney appearances in the future."

With another winning season under the Rangers' belt, there is no doubt that this team will come back fighting next season.

"This off-season we will be training in the weight room and playing a lot more soccer. And next season we hope to make an impact in the NCAA tournament and win the whole thing," Jabar said.

Costa agrees, "The goal for next year is to go the NCAA championship game," he said. "This year we got our feet wet in the tournament and now that we know what it takes to get there, I think we have the pieces to make a run deep in the NCAA's next year."

During the first round game of the NCAA tournament, the Rangers banded together as a team but came up short.

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Lapse in intensity seals Rangers' fates



KERRY KLUG

Forward Kyle Joyce ('11) fights for position with a Vassar defender on Tuesday's home game.

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In search of a new winning formula, the Drew University men's basketball team dropped its first two games of the season. While growing acclimated to recently-hired Coach Darryl Keckler's fresh system, the squad showed flashes of promise. Yet its inability to maintain consistency throughout the entirety of each game proved costly.

In the Rangers' season-opener on Nov. 15, the State University of New York New Paltz Hawks soared to a 20-point lead in the first 13 minutes of play. New Paltz guards Matt Hauser and Shereef Taylor hit short jump shots and distributed the ball to forward Connor Cornine, who wreaked havoc from inside the paint throughout much of the first half. The agile Cornine, 6'6", gobbled 11 rebounds and scored 16 points. Hauser and Taylor added a combined 17 points and six assists. Despite falling behind early, Drew rebounded late in the first half.

Trailing 29-9 with 7:02 remaining in the opening period, the Rangers began to click from beyond the arc. Forward Kyle Joyce ('11) ignited the rally by knocking down a long-range jump shot with a defender in his face. Guard Nelson Albino ('09) then

drew a foul, and turned his lay-up into a three-point play. Forward Bobby Clackner ('09) and guard Zandy Bard ('12) hit back-to-back three-pointers to cut the deficit to ten, 33-23. Bard, who played an integral role in propelling the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Falcons to the Massachusetts state finals game last year, went 4 for 10 from three-point range, and led the Rangers with 18 points. Joyce connected from long-range four times as well, scoring all of his 12 points off three-pointers.

The second half was tight. With 12:25 still on the clock, guard Gerard Mullin ('09) banked home a lay-up to pull the Rangers to within eight. Nick Ganzfried ('11) then connected on a short-range jumper with 11:04 left in regulation to make it a 7-point game.

That was as close as the Rangers came to rallying, however, as the Hawks maintained ball possession and hit high-percentage shots from the inside to ice any chance of a comeback. In spite of Drew's fighting mentality, the team never climbed back from its early deficit entirely, and New Paltz cruised to a 74-61 win.

Although the loss was a disappointing first outcome to Keckler's tenure at Drew, the Rangers

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Rangers begin season with offensive surge

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Sports Editor

As the beginning of the 2008-2009 season kicked off, the women's basketball team jumped out to a hot start, winning the first two of their games. On Saturday, the Rangers beat New Jersey City University 58-42.

The offensive surge was led by Jess Del Vecchio ('10) and Ashley Logan ('11). The two guards combined to make a 10-0 run in the first half and a 13-3 run in the second.

In her collegiate debut, Victoria Ault ('12) scored 11 points for the Rangers. Helping the team out on the boards was Jessica Reid ('11), who had 15 rebounds.

Even with the forceful offensive and aggressive play down low, the Rangers closed off the first half with a losing score of 22-21.

Fortunately, the Rangers had

an outstanding second half performance. The Rangers combined for a total of 37 points in the second half to give them the win over NJCU.

The Rangers had three of their players score into double digits in the game.

Logan and Del Vecchio had 13 points each, and Ault's 11 points got her into double digits as well. Nine of Logan's points came off of 3-point shots.

One key factor that ensured the Rangers' high scoring was their efficiency on the foul line. The Rangers scored 17 points on free throws alone, only missing one the whole game.

After an impressive start to the season, the Rangers geared up for a game against Rutgers-Camden on Tuesday.

Once again, the Rangers were successful as they beat the Raptors 61-41.

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Winter sports get pumped up

Yesterday the Drew University Pep Rally featured the fall season's varsity sports, as well as several other clubs who put on performances to bolster school spirit. The varsity fencing team put on a skit where the Ranger Bear dueling another member on the team.



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